# CHATHAM HALL

# 2018-2019 School Profile

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## History and Mission

Established in 1894, Chatham Hall is an independent, college preparatory boarding school for girls in grades 9 – 12. Founded as the first girl's Episcopal school in southern Virginia, we are a community grounded in the values of the Episcopal tradition. Chatham Hall prepares girls for college and for productive lives. Our rigorous educational program encourages intellectual growth, creativity, and personal responsibility. We foster the intellect and character of each student and, through our Honor Code, live in a community of trust. Grounded in its Episcopal heritage, the school welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds.

## Character

All members of the Chatham Hall community, students, faculty, administration and staff, are committed to cultivation of honor, integrity, and responsibility through the Purple and Gold rule and a vigorously embraced Honor Code – *I will not lie. I will not cheat. I will not steal. I will report all infractions of Honor.*

## Community

Our opening day enrollment of 168 includes girls from 23 states and 14 foreign countries, including Austria, Canada, China, Colombia, Germany, Jamaica, S. Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Rwanda, Spain, and Vietnam. With 90% of our students residing on campus, Chatham Hall's boarding population is among the highest percentages of all college preparatory girls schools in the United States. 85% of our faculty, staff, and administration reside on campus. Chatham Hall is situated on 362 acres located in the Piedmont of Virginia, next to the town of Chatham and within 2 hours of Raleigh-Durham, Greensboro, and Chapel Hill, NC to the south and Lynchburg, Roanoke, Charlottesville, VA to the north.

## Faculty

With a teaching faculty of 30, Chatham Hall has a student teacher ratio of 1:5. 79% have advanced degrees; 30% hold a doctoral or other terminal degree.

## Athletics

Chatham Hall is a member of the Blue Ridge Conference. Students are required to participate in a team sport or scheduled physical activity every season. 10 varsity sports are offered: basketball, cross-country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, riding, soccer, swimming, tennis or volleyball. Dance and high-level conditioning are also available.

## School Year

Chatham Hall operates on an academic semester system; classes meet for three 50 minute and one 70 minute period per week. Co-curricular activities, including athletics, are offered on a trimester basis.

## Leader in Residence Program

A variety of accomplished women are brought to campus each year to participate in student-led programming. Presenters have included the first president of Ireland, Mary Robinson, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Sirin Ebadi, former Prime Minister of Pakistan the late Benazir Bhutto, the President of Liberia Ellen John-Sirleaf, choreographer and Director of the Alvin Ailey Dance Company Judith Jamison, international tennis star Venus Williams, movie executive Sherry Lansing, journalist and author Katty Kay, actor and humanitarian Ashley Judd, Rehsma Saujani, founder of *Girls Who Code*, and Sallie Krawcheck, CEO and founder of Ellevest, a digital financial advisor for women.

## Accreditations and Memberships

Chatham Hall is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools, and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, National Coalition of Girls Schools, The Association of Boarding Schools, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling, Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling, the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, and the College Board.

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# CHATHAM HALL CURRICULUM

## English
AP English Language and Comp.
AP English Literature
Creative Writing I, II, & III
English for Int'l Students I & II
English I, II, III
English III Honors
English IV Electives
Southern Women Authors
Film & Foodies
Myth in Literature
American Protest Lit

## History/Social Science
AP European History
AP Psychology
AP US History
Comparative Gov't & Politics
Economics
Ethics Research Seminar (semester)
Foundations of European History (semester)
European History electives (semester)
#Queens
The World Wars
International Relations
Model UN (semester)
Modern European History
Philosophy (semester)
Social Studies for Intl. Students
US History electives (semester)
African –American Women 1918-1969
World History
World Religions (semester)
Circle of Stones (semester)

## Fine/Performing Arts
Dance
Beginning Dance
Advanced Dance
Music
AP Music Theory /alternate years
Chamber Choir
Music Theory /alternate years
St. Mary's Choir
Vocal / Instrumental Lessons
Studio Art
AP Studio Art: 2D
AP Studio Art: 3D
AP Studio Art: Drawing
Ceramics I, II, III, IV
Drawing & Design
Drawing & Printmaking I, II, III
Painting I, II, III
Photography I, II, & III
Portfolio I, II
Theater
Fall Theatre Production
Spring Theatre Collaborative
Winter Musical Production
Yearbook

## Mathematics
Algebra I, II
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Statistics
Calculus
Geometry
Statistics
Precalculus
Precalculus Honors

## Science
Anatomy I (semester)
Anatomy & Physiology (semester)
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
Astronomy (semester)
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Physics Honors
Sustainability (semester)

## World Languages
AP Chinese Language and Culture
AP French Language and Culture
AP Latin
AP Spanish Language and Culture
Chinese I, II, III, IV
French I, II, III, IV
Latin I, II, III, IV
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V

## Graduation Requirements

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|---|---|
| English | *4 years* |
| History/Social Science | *4 years, including World Religion, U.S. History,* & *Ethics* |
| Mathematics | *3 years, including Algebra II* |
| Science | *3 years, including physics, chemistry,* & *biology* |
| Fine Arts | *1 year* |
| World Language | *3 years 1 language or 2 years 2 languages, between 9 – 12 grade* |
| Athletics | *4 years* |

## Advanced Placement Policy
Enrollment in AP level courses is open to grades 10-12 only; the course teacher must approve applications. All students enrolled in an AP course are required to sit for the exam.

## Research Opportunities
Through our **Discovery Challenge, iQuest, and Hallam Hurt Travel Award programs,** Chatham Hall girls may complement our curriculum with an in-depth, independent study with a faculty mentor that requires them to explore a question of intellectual and abiding personal importance through experiential learning. An iQuest may be completed as a senior capstone project, an independent study project, or as a group study project. For both the iQuest and Hallum Hurt, students apply for funding to conduct a portion of their research away from campus; students have traveled to Hawaii, Israel, Norway, Sweden, France, Dominican Republic, Argentina, Italy, Poland, and China. After completion of a semester or yearlong course of study, a committee evaluates the student's work and a grade is given. All three programs require students to present their findings to the school community.

# CLASS OF 2018 ACADEMIC MEASURES

## New SAT / ACT Results

| SAT Composite | Mid 50% Range | Mean |
|---|---|---|
| EBRW / Math | 1090-1380 | 1217 |
| **SAT Section Scores** | | |
| EBRW | 550 – 680 | 616 |
| Math | 530 – 690 | 600 |
| **SAT Subject Tests** | | |
| Biology-M | 560 – 580 | 580 |
| Chemistry | 600 – 690 | 609 |
| English Literature | * | 740 |
| Math Level I | * | 710 |
| Math Level II | 610 - 720 | 674 |
| U.S. History | 660 - 680 | 676 |
| **ACT Composite** | 20 – 29 | 24.9 |
| **ACT Subject Scores** | | |
| English | 20 – 30 | 25.1 |
| Math | 19 – 28 | 23.9 |
| Reading | 22 – 31 | 26.3 |
| Science Reasoning | 20 – 28 | 24.1 |

Cumulative Junior Year Grade Distribution*

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|---|---|
| 1st Quintile | 4.14 – 3.82 |
| 2nd Quintile | 3.81 – 3.59 |
| 3rd Quintile | 3.58 – 3.32 |
| 4th Quintile | 3.30 – 2.98 |
| 5th Quintile | 2.94 – 2.37 |

**Class Size = 48**

## AP Exam Results

| Subject | Taken | 3 or higher |
|---|---|---|
| Biology | 6 | 100% |
| Calculus AB | 11 | 73% |
| Calculus BC | 8 | 50% |
| Chemistry | 15 | 53% |
| Comp Science Principles | 9 | 89% |
| English Lang | 21 | 86% |
| English Lit | 4 | 100% |
| European History | 3 | 100% |
| French | 3 | 100% |
| Macroeconomics | 2 | 50% |
| Microeconomics | 4 | 50% |
| Physics 1 | 4 | 75% |
| Physics C | 1 | 100% |
| Psychology | 14 | 86% |
| Spanish Lang & Culture | 6 | 83% |
| Statistics | 12 | 75% |
| Studio Art: 2-D Design | 3 | 100% |
| Studio Art: 3-D Design | 2 | 100% |
| Studio Art: Drawing | 2 | 100% |
| U.S. History | 9 | 83% |

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|---|---|
| **Total exams taken:** | **143** |
| **Total AP students:** | **65** |
| **Student with scores 3+:** | **58 (89%)** |
| **AP Scholars:** | **26 (40%)** |

** We do not rank our students due to small class size, and all courses are unweighted.*

## Chatham Hall Highlights

- **One** member of the **Class of 2018** has been recognized as a **Commended Student** in the **National Merit Scholarship** competition. 20 girls in the Class of 2018 (72%) earned **merit scholarships** totaling over **$2,900,000.**
- In **2016** Chatham Hall placed **1st and 2nd in the statewide Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science.**
- Students are encouraged to pursue independent study for course credit through **Discover Challenges**, which involve developing a curriculum, securing a faculty mentor, and conducting research. These courses can lay the foundation for an **iQuest**, where students apply for a grant to continue their research away from campus.
- Chatham Hall's **Interscholastic Equestrian Association** team qualified for National Finals in 2015, 2016, and 2018. Competing against 1,200 varsity teams nationally, we were named **Reserve Champions** in 2015 and placed 4th in 2016. Individual riders have qualified for National Finals every year since 2016.
- In 2017 – 18, Chatham Hall students devoted over **3,000 hours** to **non-required community service hours.**
- Chatham Hall's **service learning** opportunities include spring break trips to **India** and **South Africa** in alternate years. Begun in 2005, about 1 in 4 Chatham Hall girls has been to **South Africa.**
- **Study Abroad** experiences are encouraged through the **Student Diplomacy Corps** and faculty-led travel projects. Destinations have included France, Mexico, Spain, Japan, Italy, China, Cambodia and Nepal. Students may also participate in intensive, 3-week language programs to Spain and France in the summer.

# Annotated List of College Acceptances for the Classes of 2013 – 2018

Matriculations in **Bold**

**American Univ.**
**Appalachian State Univ**.
**Arizona State Univ.**
Auburn Univ.
Babson College
**Ball State University**
**Bard College**
**Barnard College**
Barry Univ.
**Bates College**
Baylor Univ.
**Belmont University**
Binghamton Univ.
Boston College
**Boston Univ**.
**Bowdoin College**
Bradley University
**Brandeis Univ.**
Brown Univ.
**Bryn Mawr College**
**Bucknell University**
**Butler Univ**.
California Polytechnic State Univ.
**Carnegie Mellon Univ**.
**Case Western Reserve Univ.**
Centre College
Christopher Newport Univ.
**Clark Univ.**
Clemson Univ.
Colby College
**Colgate Univ.**
**College of Charleston**
College of the Holy Cross
**College of William & Mary**
Colorado State Univ.
**Columbia College**
**Cornell Univ.**
**Davidson College**
Denison Univ.
DePaul Univ.
**Dickinson College**
Drew Univ.
**Drexel Univ**.
Duke Univ.
Duquesne Univ.
**East Carolina Univ**.
Eckerd College
**Elon Univ.**
**Emerson College**
**Emory Univ.**
**Fordham Univ.**
Franklin and Marshall College
**Furman Univ.**
**George Mason Univ.**
George Washington Univ.
**Georgetown Univ**.
**Georgia Institute of Tech.**
Gettysburg College
**Grinnell College**
**Hamilton College**
Hampshire College
**Hampton Univ.**
Harvard Univ.
**Haverford College**
High Point Univ.
Hobart & Wm. Smith College
Hollins Univ.
**Howard Univ.**
**Hunter College**
Illinois Wesleyan Univ.
**Indiana Univ. Bloomington**
Ithaca College
**James Madison Univ.**
Johns Hopkins Univ.
Kansas State University
**Kenyon College**
**Lafayette College**
Lake Forest College
**Lancaster University**
Lewis and Clark College
Longwood Univ.
Loyola Univ. Chicago
Loyola Univ. New Orleans
Lynchburg College
Marquette Univ.
Mary Baldwin College
**Maryland Institute College of Art**
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
**McGill Univ.**
**Mass. College of Pharmacy**
Methodist Univ.
**Miami University, Oxford**
Michigan State Univ.
**Millsaps College**
Mount Holyoke College
**New York Univ.**
**North Carolina State Univ.**
Northeastern Univ.
Occidental College
Ohio State Univ.
Old Dominion Univ.
Otis College of Art and Design
**Otterbein Univ.**
Parsons School of Design
**Pennsylvania State Univ.**
**Pepperdine Univ.**
Pitzer College
**Pomona College**
**Pratt Institute**
Presbyterian College
**Princeton Univ.**
**Purdue Univ.**
**Queens Univ. of Charlotte**
**Randolph College**
Randolph-Macon College
**Reed College**
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
**Rhodes College**
**Rice University**
Roanoke College
**Rochester Institute of Technology**
**Rollins College**
Roosevelt Univ.
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
**Royal Military Academy**
Rutgers Univ.
**Saint John's College**
**Saint Lawrence Univ.**
**Saint Louis Univ.**
Santa Clara Univ.
**Savannah College of Art & Design**
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
**Sewanee: The Univ. of the South**
Simmons College
**Smith College**
**Southern Methodist Univ.**
Southwestern Univ.
**State Univ. of NY at Albany**
Stony Brook Univ. (SUNY)
**Suffolk Univ**.
**Sweet Briar College**
**Syracuse Univ.**
Temple Univ.
Texas A & M Univ.
Texas Christian Univ.
**The College of Wooster**
The Ohio State Univ.
Transylvania University
Trinity College (CT)
**Tulane Univ.**
Union College
Univ. College Dublin
Univ. of Aberdeen
**Univ. of Alabama**
Univ. of British Columbia
Univ. of California Berkeley
**Univ. of California Davis**
Univ. of California Irvine
**Univ. of California Riverside**
**Univ. of California San Diego**
**Univ. of Central Florida**
Univ. of Chicago
Univ. of Cincinnati
Univ. of Colorado - Boulder
Univ. of Denver
**Univ. of Edinburgh**
Univ. of Florida
Univ. of Georgia
Univ. of Glasgow
**Univ. of Illinois**
**Univ. of Kentucky**
**Univ. of Louisville**
Univ. of Maine
Univ. of Mary Washington
Univ. of Massachusetts - Amherst
Univ. of Memphis
Univ. of Miami
**Univ. of Michigan**
**Univ. of Mississippi**
Univ. of Missouri Columbia
UNC Asheville
**UNC Chapel Hill**
UNC Charlotte
**UNC Greensboro**
**UNC Wilmington**
Univ. of Mississippi
Univ. of Notre Dame
Univ. of Oregon
**Univ. of Pennsylvania**
Univ. of Pittsburgh
Univ. of Rhode Island
**Univ. of Richmond**
**Univ. of Rochester**
Univ. of San Diego
Univ. of San Francisco
**Univ. of South Carolina**
**Univ. of Southern California**
Univ. of Tampa
**Univ. of Tennessee**
Univ. of Texas at Austin
University of Toronto
**Univ. of Vermont**
**Univ. of Virginia**
Univ. of Washington
Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison
Valparaiso University
**Vanderbilt University**
Vassar College
Villanova Univ.
**Virginia Commonwealth Univ.**
**Virginia Military Institute**
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute**
Virginia Tech
**Wake Forest Univ.**
**Washington College**
**Washington U. in St. Louis**
**Washington and Lee Univ.**
**Wesleyan Univ.**
**Wheaton College (MA)**
Whittier College
Williams College
**Wofford College**
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
**Yale Univ.**

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